

allows older citizens to continue to contribute and enjoy a community of their peers.

And this is truly a community effort. The county of Bergen provided over \$1 million through funds provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Home Program. This Federal-county partnership funding included a challenge that the private sources match the funds. Of course, our community responded as it always does, with generous donations and the support of NatWest Bank.

On this occasion, the words of former Vice President and Senator Hubert Humphrey come to mind: "The moral test of government is how the government treats those who are in the dawn of their life, the children, and those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly."

With this ribbon-cutting, our community and the Christian Health Care Center, specifically, is meeting this standard. Moreover, these actions should be an example to all civic groups and, I submit, to our national leadership.

In Washington today, we are engaged in a great national debate about the quality of life for our children and their children. In fact, this may be the defining moment for our generation. We all recognize that we can and we must make our government live within its means. But this must not be done at the expense of the most vulnerable in our society—those in the dawn of life and those in the twilight of life.

We can accomplish historic budget reforms, restore good jobs, create a bright future for our children and still show heart to the most needy in our society. To do less would be to violate some of the moral beliefs we hold most dear.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, warned of the consequences of failure to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Mr. Speaker, the Christian Health Care Center is realizing its dream today with the formal opening of its Evergreen supportive senior housing project. I would urge my colleagues to take note and join me in commending the leadership of the center and the citizens of Wyckoff.

Today, Bergen County is a better place to live because our seniors have another place to call home.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DEBATE AND CONSIDERATION OF THREE MEASURES RELATING TO U.S. TROOP DEPLOYMENTS IN BOSNIA

SPEECH OF

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Defense under the Reagan administration, developed a much touted six-point test that must be satisfied before the use of military force is warranted. The first, and perhaps most important point of the test is "does the United States have vital, national interests at stake." The answer in Bosnia is clearly no. The international community has allowed the most recent fighting of this centuries-old civil war to carry on for nearly 3 years before air strikes directed by the United Nations were ordered. Now, some 4 years later, President Clinton has decided to assume Europe's responsibility and help bolster NATO's standing by sending United States troops into a tentative and unwarranted peacekeeping mission.

To conduct a peacekeeping mission successfully and safely, the peacekeepers must be perceived as neutral by the warring parties. How can United States forces be seen as neutral when U.N. air strikes against Serb positions have largely been conducted by the United States for the past year? To add fuel to the fire, President Clinton has promised that the United States would be simultaneously involved in training and equipping Bosnian Moslem forces so that they may be better able to defend themselves against possible Serb attacks.

Other dangers facing American service men and women serving as peacekeepers in the Balkans involves the very real threat of terrorism from Islamic fundamentalists, thousands of land mines—most of which are unaccounted, and the risks of traveling over the snow- and ice-covered mountainous terrain of this area.

Although the President has determined that U.S. peacekeepers will be withdrawn from this mission area in 1 year, I find the exit strategy to be lacking and full of holes that could leave U.S. forces bogged down in this effort for a much longer period of time.

Mr. Speaker, the United States cannot conduct foreign policy by deploying our troops around the globe to interject our morals, values, and way of life upon warring nations. It won't be successful, and we could lose the credibility that we currently enjoy as the lone superpower. There are many ways we can support peace in the Balkans without putting young Americans in harms way. It is not too late to halt any further troop movements to this region, so I urge all of my colleagues to support the Dornan legislation.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1977, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA-ROSE COLLINS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 12, 1995

Miss COLLINS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, we must recognize mining subsidies for what they are—corporate welfare. In light of the several extremist appropriation bills put before this Congress, cutting back essential programs that improve the quality of life for all Americans; we cannot spend another tax dollar to give big businesses a free ride. This Congress cannot with a clear conscience, stop assisting mothers with buying milk for their infants; while at the same time giving away more than \$15 billion worth of publicly owned minerals. How can we claim not to find the funds to protect elderly citizens from going into complete poverty because of out of pocket medical expenses, yet we can give away precious minerals at bargain basement prices?

To eliminate programs that meet human needs and that provide tangible results, under the guise of conserving Government funds, without terminating wasteful programs such as mining subsidies, is hypocritical. This is yet another example of the butchery of social and environmental progress, while corporate welfare is being spared the budget ax. To allow this hypocrisy is not only fiscally irresponsible, it is unforgivable. The American voters will not forget.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.